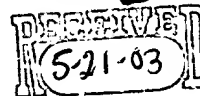


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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3-4, 23-24 and 46-47 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-2, 5, 10-11, 21-22, 25-27, 31, 44-45, 48-50 and 54, as shown in "clean version" form below.

1. (Amended) A method for providing a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

assigning a message identifier and a destination identifier to said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

storing said message with said message identifier and said destination identifier;

generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

assigning a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, the triggering event comprising the disposition event.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
billing a party to said message for said generating of said status notification.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said triggering event further comprises a passage of time.

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11. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said destination identifier comprises:

an address identifier having said destination address; and  
a format identifier having said destination format.

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21. (Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

a processor for prompting a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address, said processor associating said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message, and said processor generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event.

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22. (Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein said processor is further operative to assign a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said disposition event.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein said process is further operative to bill a party to said message for said generating of said status notification or reply.

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26. (Amended) The system of claim 22, wherein said triggering event further comprises a passage of time.

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27. (Amended) The system of claim 22, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of:  
a managing event; and  
a dispatching event.

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31. (Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein said destination identifier comprises:  
an address identifier having said destination address; and  
a format identifier having said destination format.

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44. (Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a voicemail message in an advanced intelligence network (AIN) comprising an intelligent peripheral operative to:  
prompt a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;  
associate said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message;  
and  
generate said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event.

45. (Amended) The system of claim 44, wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to assign a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said disposition event.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Amended) The system of claim 47, wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to bill a party to said message for said generating of said status notification or reply.

49. (Amended) The system of claim 45, wherein said triggering event further comprises a passage of time.

50. (Amended) The system of claim 45, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of:  
a managing event; and  
a dispatching event.

54. (Amended) The system of claim 44, wherein said destination identifier comprises:  
an address identifier having said destination address; and  
a format identifier having said destination format.